

SUPERIOR COURT  
BARNSTABLE, SS

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BARNSTABLE, SS.

NO. 2013-80 *Letty M. Wilson* Clerk

COMMONWEALTH

V.

ROBERT SHANAHAN

COMMONWEALTH'S MEMORANDUM IN RESPONSE  
TO THE DEFENDANT'S THIRD MOTION  
TO AMEND HIS NEW TRIAL MOTION

The defendant's motion makes much of the fact that Peter De Camp did not tell emergency rescue personnel or hospital personnel that the individual who attacked him was the defendant, Robert Shanahan. (D.Mot.3) The defendant asserts that the records show that the dispatcher and radio transmissions refer to the attacker as "person" "white male" and "the guy." (D.Mot.2)

Trial Exhibit Five is the audio of the 911 call between the victims and the dispatch center. The victims called 911 immediately, as the attack was ongoing. The Commonwealth respectfully requests this Honorable Court listen to the audio of the 911 call that was introduced into evidence at trial. The prosecutor's opening clearly summarizes the evidence:



Peter DeCamp is now free from him. He runs into the house. They slam the door shut, and they call 911. And you'll have the opportunity to hear Colleen Cunningham's 911 call. And I want you to listen to that very carefully. They describe who it is. And Rob's name comes up. And you'll hear testimony with respect to the identification of Rob as Rob Shanahan and how that comes about. They know him as an acquaintance. You'll hear that they tell the police that, "It's Rob. We don't know what his last name is." Colleen Cunningham: "Wait, let me make a phone call to the friend of a friend to find out some more with respect to what his last name is." (3/240-241)

The victims reported to police on the 911 call that the assailant was "Rob." They reported further information once it became known to them. Admittedly the radio transmissions between the police do not indicate "Rob," and the medical records do not indicate "Rob." There is no reason for the victim's medical records to list the name of the individual who attacked him, this does not add any information to the defendant's claim. Including the defendant's name on the ambulance records and hospital records for the victim adds nothing. The fact that the victims initially reported "Rob" to the 911 dispatcher is more relevant and accurate than the medical records or audio between two responding police officers.



**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the Commonwealth respectfully requests that this Honorable Court deny the relief requested and affirm the defendant's conviction.

Respectfully submitted,

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